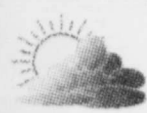


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High: 81°  
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# SUMMER Mustang

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## LGBTG center receives grant from local foundation

By Susan Malanche  
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Thanks to a \$6,500 grant for new programs, Cal Poly Pride Alliance will continue to bring awareness and understanding of different sexual orientations to campus.

The San Luis Obispo Community Foundation's grant will provide funding for the

► The San Luis Obispo Community Foundation will provide Cal Poly's Pride Alliance Center with \$6,500 to fund a new training program.

"Respect Zone" training program and speakers during spring quarter's CommUnity Pride Week.

"Respect Zone" is an ally training program for students, faculty and staff to provide support

to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals, said Maya Andlig, coordinator of Gender and Sexuality Programs at Cal Poly.

"The training will educate people on homophobia, heterosexism and the coming-out process," Andlig said. "After training, participants will agree to continue training and attending related events."

see PRIDE, page 7

## Is no news good news?



A Summer Mustang survey showed that many people are not aware of national and international events.

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By Valerie Angelo

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

More than a hundred people die in France. Israelis, Palestinians and Jordanians unite over a water crisis. Liberian President Charles Taylor steps down in accordance to President Bush's demands.

The effects of these recent events may touch many lives and nations, but some residents and students have little knowledge of the occurrences.

"(Americans') knowledge of national and interna-

tional news is weak," John Culver, Cal Poly political science professor, said. "Too many polls and surveys document this, from our lack of geographical awareness to woeful science background to misinformation about politics and law."

According to a Summer Mustang survey conducted, respondents were knowledgeable about events that took place within their immediate surroundings such as the Gray Davis recall and the Kobe Bryant rape case.

see NEWS, page 7

## Local has undies in a bunch over UndieRun

By Caroline Lindahl  
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Only since bikini clad students polldanced at Relm has showing skin gained so much attention in San Luis Obispo.

The first UndieRun, organized by Cal Poly biology senior Ryan Urich, was held this March as a fundraiser for the Women's Shelter of SLO.

Urich encouraged students and locals to run half-naked from Mitchell Park through downtown. The benefit, which was not sponsored by or affiliated with the Women's Shelter, offended one local who took her complaints to Rob Bryn, neighborhood services manager at San Luis Obispo Police Department's operations division.

"It seemed extremely odd to us because of the nature of the event that (The Women's Shelter) was affiliated with it," Bryn said.

The details of the complaint and the complainant could not be release by the SLOPD, but Vice President of Student Affairs Cornel N. Morton confirmed that the offended local was disturbed by the supposed affiliation of the UndieRun and The Women's Shelter.

"I realize that some students will take a negative outlook on the event,"

see UNDIERUN, page 7

## Election officials rush to certify contenders for recall ballot

By Jim Wasserman  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SACRAMENTO — California's historic recall ballot shrank Wednesday but still threatened to overwhelm voters with more than 130 choices if Gov. Gray Davis is recalled.

Hours before a deadline to certify the ballot, the Secretary of State's office had certified 131 contenders hoping to replace Davis in the special Oct. 7 election and was working feverishly to certify the 40 remaining applications.

Wrestling with a list of 247 would-be governors, elections officials disqualified 76 potential candidates because of incomplete paperwork.

The one-of-a-kind ballot exponentially surpassed any previous number of gubernatorial candidates in one election, which would probably be fewer than a dozen, said Bruce Cain, a political science professor at the University of California, Berkeley.

## UU Plaza has new look after 20 year vacation

By Hillary Schuler-Jones  
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

The results of a project undertaken for a technical writing class during spring quarter 2002 have sprung to life in the form of an \$11,000 fountain renovation in the University Union Plaza.

Construction is currently underway to turn the dormant fountain into a planter, Associated Students Inc. project coordinator Brian French said.

The fountain was installed in 1971 but was quickly shut off soon after when administration found that it was using too much water.

Officials tried to make the fountain more water efficient by installing a recycling loop, but much of the water evaporated before it could be reused, French said.

It had been off for two decades when students Andrew Bowman, Emmanuel Gentinetta and Tina Novero decided to use it as the basis of their project.

The group interviewed about 600 students to determine what improvements could be made to the plaza, UU director Dave Edwards said, who consulted with the students on the project.

"More seating will probably be useful rather than a fountain that's dry. It will be nicer during UU Hour."

Kelly Hanify  
biology senior

Nearly all of the people interviewed wanted the fountain to be reactivated, but Cal Poly's Master Plan calls for the construction of a new fountain within the next decade, Edwards said.

The second, more temporary solution was to replace the dry fountain with greenery and extra seating.

The UU staff and UU Student Advisory Board reviewed the results of the survey last summer and opted to move forward with the suggestions.

Students seem to support the renovation.

"More seating will probably be useful rather than a fountain that's dry," said Kelly Hanify, biology senior. "It will be nicer during UU Hour."

Construction workers will build on

see PLAZA, page 7



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The non-functioning fountain will no longer be the centerpiece for the UU Plaza. It will be replaced with with extra seating and greenery.



## Weather Watch

### 5-Day Forecast

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### Today's Sun

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### Today's Moon

Rises: 8:46 a.m. / Sets: 9:44 a.m.

### Today's Tides

Low: 1:21 a.m. / -0.3 feet

High: 8:09 a.m. / 3.4 feet

Low: 11:53 p.m. / 2.7 feet

High: 6:35 p.m. / 6.15 feet

## Health Beat

### The inside scoop on health happenings at Poly

A bad meal can make you nauseous. The thought of your next exam can make your stomach turn. But what about love? Can love make you sick?

According to a new study from Brigham Young University, it can.

### News Column

Having love-hate relationships can make your blood pressure skyrocket, increasing your chances of having heart disease or a stroke.

For the study, volunteers wore a concealed blood pressure monitor for three days. Five minutes into every social interaction, they pressed a button to record their blood pressure. They also recorded their daily interactions and answered questions about them in a journal.

The 102-person study showed feeling unsure about a relationship has even worse effects on blood pressure than purely hostile feelings do.

Bad news for college students involved in unsatisfying dating relationships or pleasure-packed but guilt-ridden flings: Difficult relationships don't just affect the heart; they can also lead to nega-

tive, stress-induced behaviors like substance abuse and overeating. Disenchanted lovers use these activities to cope with loneliness, rejection or depression.

"When you're interacting with those you feel aversive or negative toward, these people are predictable and you will either avoid them or you can discount them because you know what to expect from them," the study's primary author Julianne Holt-Lundstad said. "But for a person you feel both positive and negative toward, there could be hope and an expectation for something positive."

On the other hand, the study confirmed positive relationships help reduce stress and promote heart health. Emotional support and physical intimacy are both important factors.

A study from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill found couples that held hands and embraced before giving a speech had blood pressures twice as low as couples who sat separated before their presentations.

"That loving stuff is definitely good for you," mechanical engineering junior Mitesh Shah said. "Everyone wants to appear inde-

*A study from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill found couples that held hands and embraced before giving a speech had blood pressures twice as low as couples who sat separated before their presentations.*

pendent, but we all need other people."

There's even more evidence that close knit relationships, not just physical displays of affection, have the best effects on health. The relationships don't have to be romantic, just devoted circles of companionship.

On the other hand, people with no long-lasting relationships with friends and family are at a higher risk for diseases like cancer, heart disease, ulcers and infections, said Dean Ornish, author of "Love & Survival: The Scientific Basis for the healing Power of Intimacy." His theories were featured in Newsweek Magazine.

"Love and intimacy are at the root of what makes us sick and what makes us well," Ornish said in a Newsweek article. "I am not aware of any other factor in medicine — not diet, not smoking,

not exercise — that has a greater impact."

People with healthy relationships are more likely to develop healthy lifestyle patterns, have an outlet for troubling feelings and can more easily release stress.

"A good relationship gives you self-esteem, which makes you happier," biology freshman Colleen Scheitrum said. "Then you can go out and do things that make you more healthy."

Researchers continue discovering more about the effects social interactions have on the body. Committed friendship, family and romantic relationships play a major part in our happiness and well-being. Bad ones, it seems, may be a hazard to your social life and to your health.

Whitney Kellogg is a journalism senior and a Summer Mustang staff writer.



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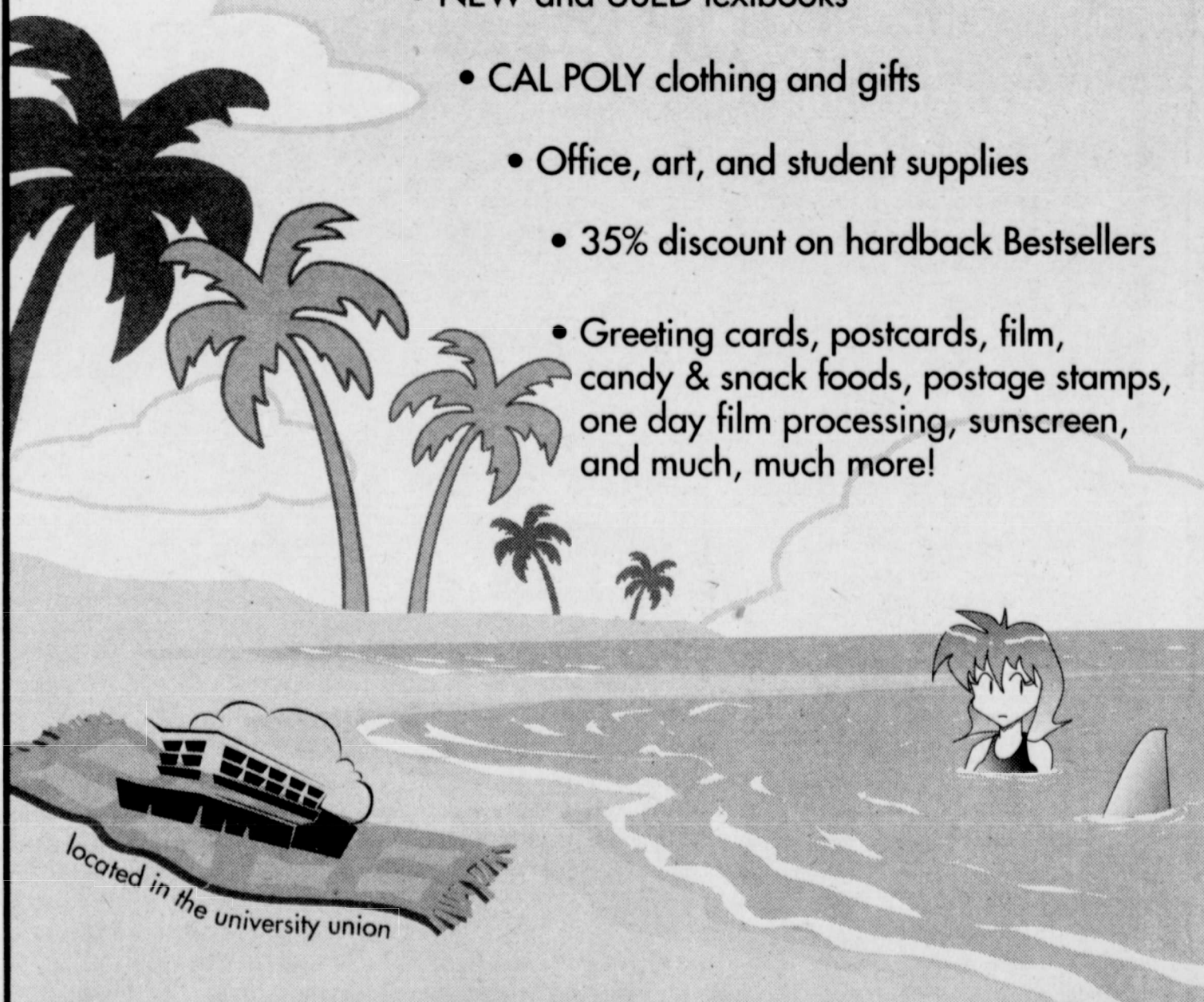
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## National Briefs

**Remains of up to 1,000 victims of World Trade Center attack might never be identified**

NEW YORK — The remains of as many as 1,000 people lost in the World Trade Center attack might never be identified, according to the forensic biologist leading the monumental DNA identification project.

The city medical examiner's office has identified slightly more than half of the 2,792 people killed in the attack — only about 100 of those in the last year, as technicians struggled with DNA degraded and damaged by fire and the elements.

Robert Shaler, chief of forensic biology, had once hoped to reach 2,000 identifications, but he told The Associated Press he no longer considers that a realistic goal.

Now, Shaler said he hopes for about 1,700 identifications — 1,800 at the outside — by the time the office exhausts available DNA matching methods within a year. City officials recently notified victims' families of the outlook.

"I think once we've done all of the testing on all of the remains using the technology we have, I think we're finished," Shaler said.

He cautioned that he doesn't mean the trade center DNA effort would be closed forever, but said it couldn't continue until new DNA processes were developed.

**Child molester: Freedom amazing despite town's outrage**

SOLEDAD, Calif. — Serial child

molester Brian DeVries says his first hours of freedom have been amazing, despite the community outrage surrounding his new home — a small, white trailer tucked between a medium-security prison and busy Highway 101.

DeVries, the state's first sexually violent predator to graduate from a seven-year-old treatment program, promised to lay low and not interact with residents of this Monterey County town galled that he has landed in their midst.

"I'm going to do my best not to interfere with their community," DeVries told The Associated Press in an exclusive interview Wednesday. "They're not going to see me in their theaters. They're not going to see me in their coffee shops. They're not going to see me in their town."

Instead, residents saw his mug shot on posters that plastered the town.

DeVries added that he hopes to complete the outpatient part of his treatment and return home to Washington state.

**Study: More than half give consent for organ donations**

Families agree to donate organs from brain-dead patients more than half the time, but that is far from enough to meet the growing need for transplants, new research shows.

Even if organs were harvested from all the potential brain-dead donors for transplants, there wouldn't be enough to go around, the researchers concluded after reviewing hospital records from around the nation.

They estimated the number of organ donor candidates each year at between 10,500 and 13,800 from the nation's 1 million hospital deaths. Previous estimates varied as high as 26,000.

There are 82,000 people on the nation's waiting list for transplants.

"It's a game of small numbers and every opportunity needs to be maximized," said Ellen Sheehy, who led the study for the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations, which represents organ banks.

The findings appear in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Of the nation's 59 organ banks 36 participated in the study. They checked hospital records for all patients who died in intensive care units from 1997 to 1999 to see how many met the criteria for organ donations and how many became donors.

## International Briefs

**Heat wave eases in parts of Europe, France faces renewed accusations of mishandling crisis**

PARIS — Parisians breathed easier as temperatures began abating Wednesday, although health authorities faced renewed accusations that people died unnecessarily from the heat wave.

The director general of Paris' hospitals authority, Rose-Marie van Lerberghe, said "a little over 100" people died in the French capital since Friday because of the heat.

But Wednesday morning, Paris awoke to a temperature of 73 degrees,

noticeably cooler than the record early morning heat of 77.9 degrees registered at the start of the week.

Britain also felt the relief of cooler weather Wednesday following record temperatures.

It was warm in London and southeastern England, with temperatures ranging from 77 degrees to 82 degrees. But that was a refreshing change compared to Sunday, when the nation recorded its hottest day ever — 100.58 degrees at Gravesend, in southern England.

Temperatures remained high in Switzerland on Wednesday, with forecasters saying the Swiss would have to wait another day before the thermometer starts to drop. The temperature in the capital, Bern, reached 98.6 degrees, the hottest day since 1865.

It remained in the high 90s across Germany on Wednesday, with a record high temperature overnight of 81.7 degrees, measured in Neustadt, in southern Germany.

Forecasters are predicting a drop in temperatures by the weekend, with winds bringing cooling air in some regions. Despite thunderstorms and showers forecast in the north, officials say there is still no end to the dry spell that has made forests susceptible to fires.

**Saudi authorities are finding militants have infiltrated deeper than they realized**

JIDDAH, Saudi Arabia — More than 15 raids have uncovered a network of Islamic extremists, arms and sophisticated equipment all over

Saudi Arabia, indicating sleeper cells authorities say they were unaware of before May 12 suicide bombings in the Saudi capital prompted the crackdown.

In the latest gunbattle with extremists, security forces checking an illegally parked truck were fired on Tuesday in Riyadh, the second time police were attacked by militants in as many days.

A day earlier, Saudi police arrested 10 militants who allegedly belonged to a terrorist cell planning to attack a British target.

British Airways suspended flights to the kingdom Wednesday after Britain's Department for Transport said it received "credible intelligence of a serious threat" to British aviation interests.

Last month, police found underground arsenals at farms in central and eastern Saudi Arabia, and cars and trucks ready for use as bombs. They have also discovered dozens of fake passports, surveillance equipment and donation boxes.

"The extremists had infiltrated and developed sleeper cells in Saudi Arabia to an extent that neither society nor the authorities were aware of. I believe they were still in the process of getting organized and setting themselves up when they were first raided by police" in May, said Mishari al-Thaidi, an expert on militants and a journalist with the pan-Arab Asharq al-Awsat newspaper.

Briefs compiled from The Associated Press wire service by Summer Mustang editor in chief Andra Coberly.

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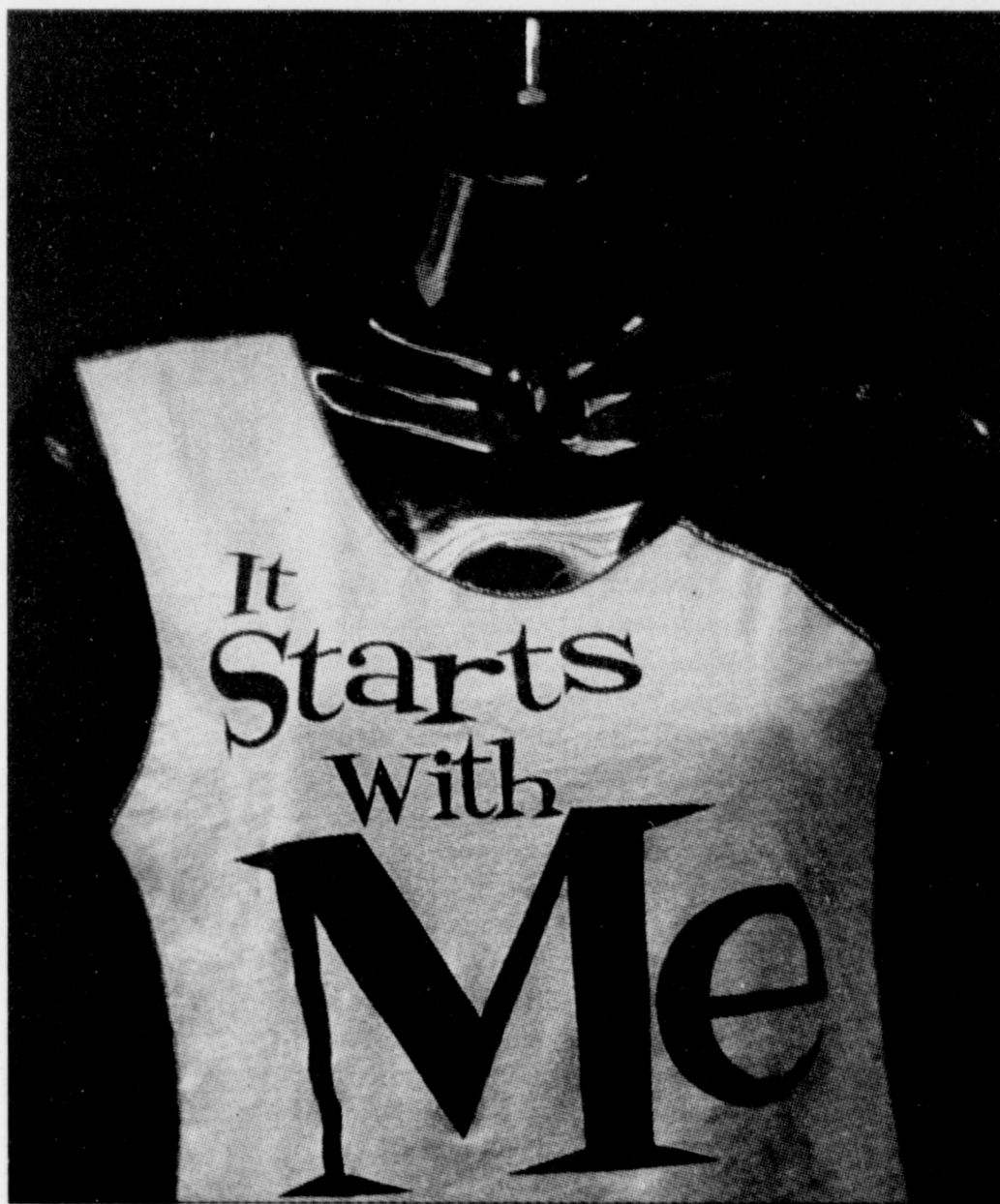
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# Old shirts find new sense of fashion

Scott Kawa's original designs started life as basic T-shirts. With a little bit of creativity and different fabrics, he gives them a second chance at a more stylish life. His creations are around \$30 for a t-shirt and \$40 for a long-sleeve shirt.

BRIAN KENT/  
SUMMER MUSTANG



By Cathy Ayers

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

"It starts with me."

Actually, it starts with an old T-shirt. Retired T-shirts that were once worn in gym class or used as dust rags now have an opportunity to find a new life.

Scott Kawa, owner of Self Clothing Company, seeks out old clothing that can be handcrafted into new and original articles.

"I never create two of the same thing," Kawa said.

His store is located in a small unit downtown in The Creamery. It offers a small but varied selection of handcrafted apparel. Not only does Kawa own and run the store on his own, he is also the sole manufacturer of the clothing. Although this business has been operating for five years, Kawa began manufacturing these one-of-a-kind T-shirts last September. The idea came from seeing such products in major cities like Los Angeles and in fashion shows, he said.

The tee-shirts are made from shirts that people have donated to him or finds from thrift stores. Students have donated shirts from Greek events and other extracurricular activities that have been reworked into camisoles, tank tops or skirts. Sometimes he combines clothing with different material to make a completely different T-shirt.

Business has picked up recently, with a major

increase in sales over the last two months. Kawa attributes the consumer demand to the gradual increase in awareness of his products.

In addition to recreating T-shirts, he also creates other items of clothing from fabric purchased wholesale or at swap meets. He combines two or more articles of clothing to make shirts, skirts and pants.

Kawa's resources for fabric and shirts help him to keep his prices much lower than other stores of this nature. When in Los Angeles, he saw similar shirts for wholesale prices close to

*Kawa's resources for fabric and shirts help him to keep his prices much lower than other stores of this nature. When in Los Angeles, he saw similar shirts for wholesale prices close to \$100.*

\$100. His creations cost around \$30 for T-shirts and \$40 for long-sleeve.

This store might not appeal to shoppers in search of traditional, trendy apparel; Self Clothing Company's shirts and pants definitely have a more vintage look. Yet, with the pieces being so unique, one doesn't have to worry about another person in class wearing the same thing.

## O.A.R. apologizes with a concert

By Hillary Schuler-Jones

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

It wasn't too long ago that O.A.R. let down nearly 250 fans in San Luis Obispo. Soon, enthusiasts will have another chance to hear the band's root rock, island vibes when they visit San Luis Obispo Brewing Co. at 1119 Garden St. for an appearance Aug. 20.

Saxophonist Jerry DePizzo said the band will play a mixture of songs from their previous five albums, including "Hey Girl," "Risen" and "Gone Mad." All are songs from their newest CD "In Between Now and Then."

Recently, the group came off the Unity Tour with 311 and Something Corporate and will kick off the Sprite Liquid Mix Tour with N.E.R.D. The Roots, Talib Kweli and Robert Randolph and the Family Band in Denver Aug. 14.

O.A.R. played at San Luis Obispo Brewing Co. for the first time in March and was scheduled to return in April, but a ticketing problem resulted in the oversell of 250 tickets.

The latest San Luis Obispo concert is not part of the Liquid Mix Tour, but the band added the appearance to their schedule to replace the botched April concert.

"We had a great time when we played there (in March)," DePizzo said. "Everyone was in a very festive mood."

He said the 400-seat venue will be a change from the larger stages on the Liquid Mix Tour.

"You kind of trade off some of the technical aspects of the show for a cooler vibe," DePizzo said. "We're able to interact with the audience a little more."

O.A.R. released their first CD in 1997. Their latest album stays true to the music but has a more mature sound, DePizzo said.

"We've grown as a band and the music is going to reflect that," he said.

O.A.R., which stands for Of A Revolution, includes singer/guitarist Marc Roberge, lead guitarist Richard On, bassist Benj Gershman, drummer Chris Culos and DePizzo.

The group formed in 1996 and recorded their first CD in 1997 while going to school at Ohio State University.

O.A.R. saxophonist  
Jerry DePizzo

DePizzo said the dynamic of the group has remained basically the same since their early days together.

The concert begins at 8 p.m. and will last approximately two hours.

"We want to create a positive atmosphere, help people let go of the daily stresses and hope they leave kind of refreshed and rejuvenated," DePizzo said. "We just want everyone to have a real good time."

Tickets are still available at Boo Boo Records, 978 Monterey St. in San Luis Obispo and 1800 W. Grand Ave. in Grover Beach. They are also available online at ticketweb.com.

Shawn Hafley, Boo Boo Records employee, said the ticket fiasco may have made people more conservative about buying tickets this time around, but expects that the concert will still sell out.

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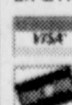
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# Seaside serenity only a car ride away

**Samantha Weeks**

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

The essence of rural America mixed with the quaintness of an English country village can be found in the romantic beach town of Cambria, 33 miles north of San Luis Obispo.

People taking the trip up Highway 1 to the calming little town might feel like they're going on a vacation. The side of the famous highway is lined with classic ocean towns and miles of sandy hills. One of the most humorous stops on the way to Cambria is the town of Harmony, population 18. People should be cautioned not to blink or they will miss it. Harmony offers a few stores that cater to the inquisitive shopper, American historian and wine lover.

Once off the freeway, the main downtown area of Cambria opens gently on the right hand side and easily guides people directly into the business district. The weather is not too hot in this coastal town. During this time of year, a thin T-shirt and pair of jeans will keep a traveler warm.

A great place to stop for a quick bite and cup of tea or coffee is a gourmet shop called the French Corner Bakery. Some of the food items are a little pricey but worth every penny. The berries on their desserts are mouth watering and seem like they were freshly picked from an organic garden. Not to



COURTESY PHOTO

The lull of the ocean is just one of the reasons Cambria attracts numerous tourists every summer. Its close proximity to San Luis Obispo makes for a quick weekend get away.

mention their spinach quiche is simply amazing. The bakery is open daily from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

There is a unique knick-knack store located a little south of the bakery, called Under the Banyan Tree. The small store caters to consumers interested in items of Asian

influence. The employees welcome customers with big smiles and offer help when one is comfortably in the store.

It should be said this town calls out to an older crowd. Cambria is an artistic type of town in which many of the stores contain every-

thing from delicate glass ornaments to expensive paintings. The works of art are done by both local and widely known artists.

Moving on through town, heading north on Main Street, there is another block of the downtown cir-

cuit that seems to lend itself to tourists. One must see store in this area is called Exotic Nature. Inside, scents of lavender and rose swim in the air and a couple of massage rooms beckon to the weary. It is impossible to walk out of the store and not smell wonderful or find something for a relaxing bath at home.

"I've loved building this store up in the past five and a half years especially in a town this peaceful and beautiful," manager of Exotic Nature Patty Kemp said.

My last stop was Gourmet Gift. This fresh fudge shop is tucked away on the right side of town when heading north. The store offers so much great fudge that one of the most challenging decision in all of Cambria is deciding on just one flavor. Erika Maheney, the owner, cook and employee of Gourmet Gift is what gives her fudge heart.

"I appreciate all different things and love to cook," Maheney said. "One of my favorite gourmet fudges has two layers of thick chocolate fudge wrapped around a caramel layer."

Cambria is a small town with the right amount of charm and country spirit. A little further up on Highway 1 is Moonstone Beach Drive which is home to numerous hotels and bed and breakfasts. For those looking to stop in for the night, there is not a better town for miles.



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## Fruit or fries?

## Menu changes only the tip of the cheeseburger

At the end of June, lawyers assembled in Boston at the Obesity Lawsuit Conference. The purpose of this conference was to encourage trial lawyers to become involved in lawsuits where they can make money, John Banzhaf, a leader of the effort told The Washington Times.

Among the actions taken in this movement to sue fat was a warning to major fast food chains that they had a responsibility to consumers to inform that their food was fattening, potentially addictive, and could lead to obesity and its related problems.

Less than a month after this conference, McDonalds announced that they would be adding fruit as an alternative to

french fries in their Happy Meals.

This is a healthy alternative to fried foods and promotes healthy eating habits at a young age. However, America's obesity problem is not a result of a child's size serving of french fries, and although the introduction of fruit in fast food meals is a starting step, it will have an insignificant impact on childhood obesity.

America's growing obesity epidemic has as much to do with out-of-control portions as it does an unbalanced diet. Although overweight children are often genetically predisposed to such a weight, other contributing factors, such as diet and exercise can be controlled. The children who consume the occasional Happy Meal

at McDonald's and an otherwise well-balanced diet do not need to worry about substituting a child's size serving of French fries with a cup of fruit. It is the children who regularly consume the super-sized portions that should worry about adding fruits and vegetables into their diet.

Fast food chains were never developed to offer well balanced diets; they were developed to serve people on the go with quick, inexpensive food. For the health conscious, most chains offer alternatives to fried meat, such as salads, grilled chicken and grilled fish. The addition of fruit to the children's menu is among these alternatives. However, the people who choose to eat healthy at a fast food restaurant are usually the people who eat well at home and at other dining establishments. Restaurants can offer all of the alternatives that they want for this demographic, but the people with the already poor diets will not benefit.

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If McDonald's really wants to take a step toward changing the dietary lifestyles of their consumers, they need to first begin with their portion sizes. In a world where people are taught to be value-based consumers, the idea of super-sizing a meal for just a few more pennies seems to be the smart thing to do. But in actuality, a super-sized meal at McDonald's, with a quarter pound cheeseburger, super-sized fries, and a 16 ounce milkshake contains approximately 1,800 calories. This is about what is needed in an entire day for the average person. However, if portions are cut, a

cheeseburger, small fries, and a diet soda contain only 500 calories. Portion sizes like this, if consumed with an otherwise well balanced diet, will not lead to obesity.

If restaurants really would like to aid their consumers in a diet and lifestyle change, they need to think about cutting down their portion sizes, or offering extreme portions at higher, less desirable prices. After this is accomplished, then maybe food substitutions can make a difference.

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## Confirmation of gay bishop welcoming change in church

The confirmation of the first openly gay bishop of the Episcopal Church has brought controversy, fear and progress to the 2,000-year history of Christianity.

After the Rev. Canon V. Gene Robinson was confirmed as the next bishop of New Hampshire, the Anglican community around the world has been full of disgust and anger about where this might lead their church.

The negative and conservative reaction of a gay bishop being granted equal rights indicates that his confirmation is long overdue. Robinson's confirmation by 62 to 45 votes has invited more than one openly gay person into the church, but the possibility of many others seeking a spiritual life and common faith.

I am disappointed to see that conservative opposition to the bishop's confirmation would make last-minute allegations of sexual misconduct to prevent the Rev. Robinson's confirmation. It was a smart move to try feeding into society's stereotypical images and actions of homosexuals, but this 56-year-old man who is the father of two children and has been in a relationship for 13 years doesn't fit the false image that people fear.

The Episcopalian Church didn't restructure its faith by admitting the first openly

gay bishop, but it improved it. Nothing has changed within the common faith of Episcopalians. The media have covered the controversial reactions to the decision, not the controversial changes taking place in the church. If there is a change taking place it is inviting more people of different sexual orientations to share a common belief.

According to Episcopal Church rules, the election of bishops by local dioceses must be approved by a majority of the nation's dioceses. Although the confirmation was approved with only 16 votes to spare, these votes represent a new acceptance of all people into the Episcopal Church regardless of sexual orientation.

Jim Lowder, interim executive director of the pro-gay Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America, expressed the church's decision as a sign of God's love for everyone.

"I think that this will be a hopeful sign for many of us who believe in God's inclusive love for all of creation," Lowder said.

If this is a sign of God's love for all, I think society can learn something and realize that this isn't such a bad thing after all.

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## EPA appointment has mixed record on environmental issues

The nomination of Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt (R) for Environmental Protection Agency administrator by President Bush ignited predictable reactions from opposite political spectrums: panic from environmental groups and elation from polluting industries.

The EPA is in dire need of a moderate leader who will sit down and equitably problem solve the situation instead of push the political agendas of ideologists. Because of this need, Leavitt is not an appropriate candidate.

Leavitt, 52, a former insurance executive and currently the nation's longest-serving governor, was first elected in 1992 and re-elected in 1996 and 2000. If his nomination is approved by Congress, Leavitt will replace former New Jersey Gov. Christie Todd Whitman, a moderate who resigned the EPA post in May.

Environmentalists argue that many of the actions of the conservative governor are nothing short of anti-environmental. Staunch conservatives who support the president's nomination say that Leavitt will make an excellent candidate

because of his "moderate" environmental views.

Despite cries from both sides, the reality of Leavitt's environmental views can be determined by his actions in Utah, which are highly environmentally questionable.

As governor, Leavitt worked with Interior Secretary Gale Norton to essentially remove interim protection for 6 million acres of Utah's wilderness for development of road building and development. The decision spawned a court challenge by environmentalists.

Leavitt also championed the notorious Legacy Highway, which would have destroyed Utah's world-renowned wetlands and fertile farmlands along the Great Salt Lake.

"With a history of cutting closed-door deals at the expense of the environment, there is reason to be concerned that Gov. Leavitt can adequately play the role of environmental champion within the Bush Administration," according to a Sierra Club press release.

But his record is mixed. Although a conservative who has called for less federal intervention on many environmental issues, he also has led

prominent efforts to slow urban sprawl in Utah and negotiated major conservation land swaps with the Clinton Administration.

Utah's rivers and lakes have gotten cleaner in the past five years, according to EPA statistics, but it still remains one of the most toxic-polluted states in the nation.

Although some may argue his environmental concerns "moderate," his actions indicate a fickle behavior that does not guarantee his leadership will be executed responsibly in such an important EPA position.

As the Bush Administration's environmental trend has been to weaken the clean air act and the enforcement of environmental safeguards, an evaluation of Gov. Leavitt reveals that he is not a desirable candidate for EPA Administrator. Hopefully congress will realize the appointment of Leavitt will have serious detrimental consequences.

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However, they had minimal awareness about recent international news.

"We have a more meaningful role to play in society than the person whose response to most topics of discussion is 'I don't know' and 'I don't care,'" Culver said.

When asked about the recent deaths of Europeans due to the heat wave, many respondents thought that the deaths were a result of bombings, paparazzi interference or simply did not respond at all.

"A real dilemma is why we are so ill-informed since we have access to a wide variety of media and are fairly literate," Culver said. "Most Americans can tell you who won on the last 'Survivor,' but how U.S. troops got to Bosnia is a mystery to them."

According to the survey, many TV viewers preferred to watch regular programs rather than tune into their local news. Some referred to the news as "depressing" while others felt the prime time shows were more interesting and exciting.

"Most of the media is broken in general," said Southern California software engineer Richard Navarro, who took the survey. "They are way too biased and only out to get the best ratings and not convey the best message."

On the other hand, agribusiness junior Jeff Owens felt national and international news was interesting and important but was not a huge priority in his life.

"It's not the first thing on my to-do list, but if I see it then I'll read it,"

Owens said.

The lack of interest and knowledge of national and international news has become a huge concern for professors and media professionals.

"None of us can afford to be isolated today in this global environment where we're so dependent on each other, whether we know it or not — in agriculture, politics, business, to name just a few," executive editor of The Tribune Sandy Duerr said.

As a result, local television networks and newspapers interlace international news with national news on a local level to gain the interest of their viewers, KSBY anchor and news director Tony Cipolla said.

"If something is happening nationally or internationally we try to find the local angle," Cipolla said. "People relate to things that are closer to home."

The importance of having a well-informed audience is crucial, political science professor Dianne Long said.

"Understanding our world is key to knowing how to respond to it, how to plan a fulfilling life, how to relate to others," Long said. "Knowing about our neighborhood, city, state, nation and world enrich our perceptions of our roles as we act out our lives."

Knowledge of world news develops character and hopefully compassion and understanding, Culver said.

"Few people admire ignorance or those who profess to live a day to day life detached from the larger world around us," Culver said. "The dunce may be revered in Hollywood movies, but there's scant economic incentive to hire one. We certainly don't look to them for inspiration and leadership."

# UNDIERUN

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Urich said in a March 13 Mustang Daily article. "But the bottom line is about having a good time."

Urich said he hopes to host another UndieRun in 2004 despite the controversy.

"I want this event to become a tradition for years to come," Urich said. "It's just another good idea for a party, and at the same time I'm giving back to the community."

And the event will go on unless more protests are voiced.

"To the best of my knowledge, [this woman] is the only one to complain," Bryn said.

Urich said the inspiration for the event came from another campus and a popular movie.

"The idea modeled the University of Michigan's 'Naked Mile,'" Urich said. "My original thought of a 'Naked Mile' in San Luis was accurately depicted in the movie 'Old School,' where the guy is shown running down the middle of the street naked and accompanied by nobody."

In fact, Urich is not the only organizer to abandon clothing in the name of a cause. Once a month, 80 activists,

artists and exhibitionists called "Critical Ass" bike around various cities during rush hour traffic in their undergarments as away to bring attention to bikes as an environmentally healthy alternative to cars.

Urich did contribute more than \$100 to the Women's Shelter despite their demand that he not use their name with the event.

"I mean there was more clothing worn (at the UndieRun) than on a beach in Australia," Urich said.

The most offensive attire Urich witnessed was a student in a Speedo.

"I'm a boxer guy myself," Urich said.

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curbs that once retained the water in the fountain to create more seating in the gaps between two existing concrete areas, forming a box around the old fountain.

The fountain itself will be torn out, and the resulting space will be filled and planted.

"They are basically replacing the footprint of the fountain with landscaping," French said.

A more dramatic renovation is slated in the Master Plan and calls for the closure of South Perimeter to create a more pedestrian-friendly thoroughfare, French said. The whole plaza will be revamped to accommodate heavier foot traffic.

The current renovation should be completed by the end of August, French said.

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CommUnity Pride 2004, which will take place May 17 to 22, will aim to combat ignorance and bring issues to the forefront, Andlig said.

"The week's mission is to show that a GLBTG identity is one to be proud of," Andlig said. "It's an aspect of your individuality to celebrate and embrace."

Grant money will help to fund a panel discussion and speakers. Last year's speaker Keith Boykin, special assistant to Bill Clinton, is one of the highest-ranking openly gay male government officials in history.

Since the Pride Alliance's opening on last year's National Coming Out Day several events have shown the need for the campus resource for GLBTG individuals and allies.

Last year's egging of the Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals United booth during a same sex handholding event and repainting of the 'P' are two incidents that sparked controversy.

In honor of CommUnity Pride Week 2003 the 'P' was painted rainbow. Immediately afterwards it was painted over.

"This was probably the most elo-

quent statement to be made that there was a need for a support center to be established sooner than later," Andlig said.

GLBU adviser Missi Bullock said that the incidents of the egging and repainting of the 'P' represent ignorance and intolerance.

"It would be nice to say there was more acceptance and that things are getting better," Bullock said. "But one step forward with an event has been followed by two steps back with a negative response."

According to a nationwide college campus study by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute, 41 percent of GLBTG respondents concealed their sexual orientation or gender identity to avoid discrimination. Sixty-one percent of respondents felt that gay men and lesbians were likely to be harassed.

"These are pretty shocking numbers if people think we're making progress," Andlig said.

The recent incidents of harassment toward GLBTG individuals show why the Pride Alliance programs are so important, Andlig said.

"The grant will make it possible to expand and retain these programs and continue to provide a visible support to GLBTG individuals," Andlig said.

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# Reaching a climax at Crux

► San Luis Obispo climbing center designed for "ages 4 to 104"

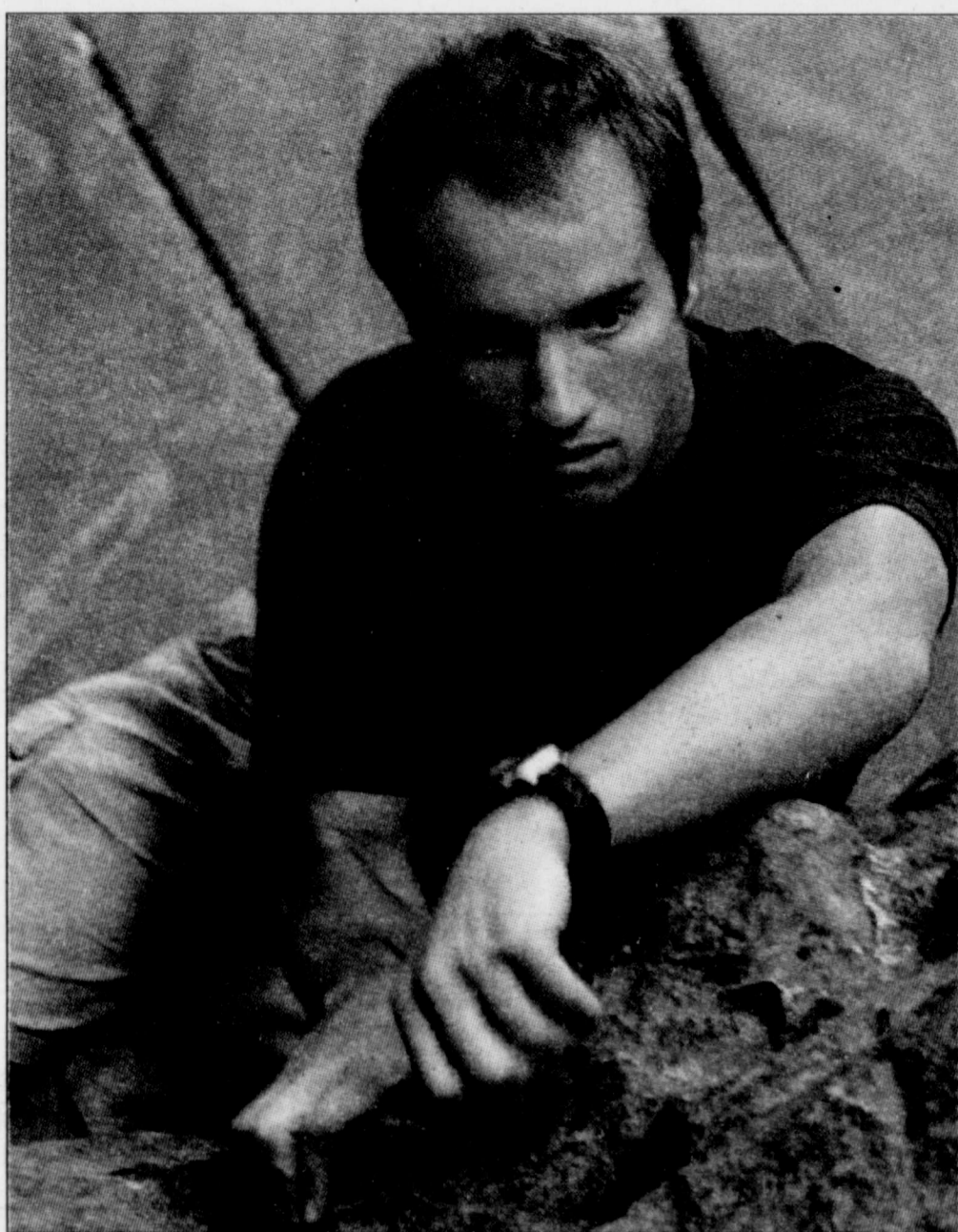
By Jessica Hoffman  
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

I was almost to the top. I could feel my arms straining to pull me up as my legs fought to hold me steady. The view below was enough to make me sweat just a little bit more. It was in my sights, then... "Ding, ding, ding!" The sound of that bell ringing was the most satisfying thing I had heard in a long time.

It was my first time at Crux Climbing Center in San Luis Obispo and I was completely addicted. Whether looking for something new in our sometimes sleepy little town, a new challenge or a way to stay in shape, Crux is perfect.

Their Web site claims "ages 4 to 104 defying gravity." When I first entered the enormous building which houses the molded rock-wall, I was more than a little surprised to see a grandmother and her grandchildren looking like Spiderman's sidekicks. But I soon found that Crux can really customize any visit according to your skill level.

Like any new activity there are a few drawbacks that come with the package. If it is a person's first time visiting Crux, they should be pre-



BRIAN KENT/SUMMER MUSTANG

Aerospace engineering senior Henry Swales climbs at Crux.

pared to pay extra for a mandatory training session before starting up the walls. The one-time training session lasts about 25 minutes and is \$10. It covers the proper use of the harness and ropes as well as

how to prepare in case any slippery situations arise while climbing. After the initial training session an adult-all day pass is another \$12.

The only other drawback can be a benefit in disguise. Those who haven't been climbing in a while, or aren't a gym regular, should be prepared for some soreness. Climbing is great exercise for the entire body. From their calves to shoulders, I can almost guarantee that visitors will be reminded of their new-found hobby the next day. Of course that just means they are getting a better workout than the treadmill.

The climbing itself is a blast and some of the rock sections are even set up with timer buttons at the bottom and top for racing. The actual molded rock is more of a challenge than other climbing walls I have tried, but it made for a much more realistic experience than the bolted-in hand grips many gyms have.

For those with a serious fear of heights, carefully consider a visit. The view from the top is much different from the view at the bottom, however I can personally say rappelling off the rock walls to come back down to earth was my favorite part of the climbing.

Crux Climbing Center is located at 1160 Laurel Lane in San Luis Obispo and is open at noon Sunday through Friday, opening at 10 o'clock on Saturdays.

## 'Biscuit' brings boost to racing

► Movie brings horse racing into spotlight after prolonged slump in attendance

By Hillary Schuler-Jones  
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

As "Seabiscuit" storms across the silver screen this summer, racetrack insiders are making bets on how the movie will shape the popularity of racing in the future.

The movie has grossed more than \$50 million since its July 25 release, and its potential to generate fans from the coveted 18 to 25 demographic has set off a marketing frenzy at racetracks across the state.

Student opinion was mixed on whether the movie will make an impression on the college-aged crowd. Many students interviewed had yet to see the movie three weeks after its release.

Animal science senior Lauren Schaefer, a Cal Poly Equestrian Team member, saw the movie and said it will attract people to racing.

"A lot of people are going to see the movie and think, 'We'll go to the races to see that,'" Schaefer said.

Jessica Marsh, an animal science senior, cautioned that the movie may be misleading for people who think that Seabiscuit-size success occurs frequently at the track.

"It's the dream story of racing," she said.

The movie focuses on the true

story of three down-and-out men who are transformed by the will of an equally disheartened yet spirited horse. The screenplay was adapted from the best-selling book of the same name by Laura Hillenbrand, and the rags-to-riches plot has attracted fans of all ages.

Racetrack officials are particularly concerned with capturing a young audience, said Mike Martin, public information officer for the California

▼ "The industry has tried to use the movie in a variety of ways to get (the public) interested in racing."

Mike Martin  
California Horse Racing Board

Horse Racing Board.

"The industry has tried to use the movie in a variety of ways to get (the public) interested in racing," Martin said. "They want to get the people who can grow with the industry."

Horse racing hit the apex of its popularity during Seabiscuit's winning years in the 1930s and 40s. About 40 million people listened to the radio broadcast of the famous match race between the underdog colt and Triple Crown winner War Admiral in 1938.

Interest in the sport began to dwindle in the late 1940s as other forms of entertainment emerged. An

event once frequented by families became dominated by upper-middle class male spectators.

But racing seems to be making a comeback. A 2002 ESPN poll placed racing as the 11th most popular sport, up three spots from the previous year.

With "Seabiscuit" drawing large summer crowds, the prospect of increasing that ranking is higher than ever.

Racetracks have offered everything from Seabiscuit bobble heads to autographed movie posters to capture a younger crowd.

Visitors of Del Mar Thoroughbred Club in southern California received horsehead-shaped mugs and autographs from jockey Gary Stevens, who played onetime Seabiscuit jockey George Woolf in the movie.

"The movie is absolutely having an effect (on attendance)," said Mac McBride, assistant director of media and marketing for Del Mar.

Seabiscuit put Del Mar on the map soon after it was opened by Bing Crosby in 1937. The legendary horse beat Crosby's Ligaroti by a long nose in a race broadcast nationwide by NBC.

Many people had never even heard of Del Mar before that, McBride said.

McBride has been with the track since 1980 and said that in all his years, he can't recall the amount of media attention that the track has received since "Seabiscuit" opened.

## Men's hoops to face strong schedule

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Colorado, Cal, San Diego State, USC, and San Jose State highlight the 2003-04 Cal Poly men's basketball schedule.

It will be the most challenging schedule since making the move to Division I in the 1994-95 season.

"This is by far the toughest schedule Cal Poly has ever played," Bromley said. "This could be the toughest non-conference schedule in the Big West Conference and it gives our fans the opportunity to see us compete against a Big 12 team (Colorado) that beat Kansas (No. 6 in the nation at the time), Missouri (No. 16) and Texas (No. 3) last year and went to the NCAA Tournament."

Colorado will be the first Big 12 team to visit Mott Gym.

USC and Cal will mark the first time the Mustangs have played two Pac-10 teams in the same season since going to Division I.

Students may pick up tickets at the Mustang Ticket Office the Monday before each game. Tickets are free for students, who are limited to four tickets per person.

See gopoly.com for the full schedule.

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Date in August the Cal Poly football team will scrimmage NAIA opponent Cal Lutheran. The scrimmage, which is open to the public, will be held in Mustang Stadium at 1 p.m. Thirty-three lettermen will be on the roster, including senior Chris Peterson, who is slated to be the starting quarterback.

### TRIVIA

today's question

Who could complete the career Grand Slam with a victory at this week's PGA Championship?

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